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SUBJ: 7TH SPECIAL SESSION - INFORMAL CONSULTATIONS

1. FRG UN REP (VON WECHMER) REQUESTED APPOINTMENT WITH ME MARCH 18 AS FOLLOW-UP TO DISCUSSIONS OF 7TH SPECIAL SESSION IN WASHINGTON. HE INDICATED THAT FRG HAD BECOME QUITE ACTIVE SINCE WHASHINGTON CONSULTATIONS. AS A RESULT, AMBASSADOR WISHED TO PASS ON CERTAIN PRELIMINARY FINDINGS TO USG:

(1) FRG FULLY COMMITTED TO CLOSE COOPERATION AND COLABORATION WITH US, PRIOR TO AND DURING, 7TH SPECIAL SESSION.

(2) THEY EXPECT SOME REPETITION OF THE SECENARIO FOLLOWED BY G-77 AT 6TH SPECAIL SESSION.

(3) GENERALLY, MINISTERIAL-LEVEL OFFICIALS MUCH MORE INCLINED TOWARD COOPERATION WITH NON-ALIGNED AND G-77 THAN CONFRONTATION. THIS IS A MORE RELAXED STANCE THAN PREVIOUSLY HELD. IN THAT CONNECTION, HE LEFT EXCERPTS FROM THE MARCH 7 SPEECH OF THE FRG FOREIGN MINISTERS' AT HAMBURG AND MARCH 14 UNIDO SPEECH OF THE MINISTER FOR ECONOMIC COOPERATION AT LIMA.

(4) FRG BELIEVES THAT OUR POSITIONS ON KEY ISSUES SHOULD BE KNOWN WELL IN ADVANCE OF SESSION. HOPEFULLY THERE SHOULD BE NO LAST MINUTE SURPRISES ON EITHER SIDE.

KT) WHILE MULTILATERAL CONSULTATIONS HIGHLY DESIRABLE INTER ALIA, FRG HOPES THERE CAN BE BILATERAL CONSULTATION AT A CONFIDENTIAL

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SITE MUTUALLY AGREEABLE.

(6) FRG SEES NEED FOR IMPROVING UN SYSTEM, BUT NO NEED TO DESTROY PRESENT ORGANIZATION.
(7) THEY COMTEMPLATE NO ADDITIONAL CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE UN, NO NEW FUNDS OR NEW STRUCTURES THAT WOULD REQUIRE ADDITIONAL FUNDS.
(8) THEY WOULD PREFER NO DECLARATION OF PRINCIPLES OR PROGRAM OF ACTION AND WILL ACTIVELY WORK TOWARD THAT END.
(9) THEIR CATALOG OF PROBLEMS TO BE DISCUSSED WOULD INCLUDE:
(A) TRADE; (B) COMMODITIES; (C) JURISDICTIONAL ISSUES, I.E., WHO DEALS WITH WHAT IN UN SYSTEM; (D) A STRENGTHENED ROLE FOR ECOSOC, BUT NO POWERS APPROXIMATING THOSE OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL. ON COMMODITIES, GERMANY CONSIDERS LOME AGREEMENT AN EXAMPLE OF DESIRE TO COOPERATE WITH LDC'S, BUT NOT A MODEL FOR FURTHER STEPS.

2. I EXPRESSED OUR APPRECIATION FOR THE INFORMATION PRESENTED BY AMB. VON WECHMAR AND REVIVED PRELIMINARY THINKING OF USG IN RE 7TH SPECIAL SESSION. I AFFIRMED OUR DESIRE TO WORK CLOSELY AND COOPERATELY WITH HIS GOVERNMENT.

3. WE DISCUSSED THE NEED TO BE MORE POSITIVE AND TO SEIZE UPON ALL OPPORTUNITIES TO REASON WITH OTHER SIDE. WE ALSO AGREED THAT IT IS DESIRABLE TO INSURE THAT VIEWS OF OUR GOVERNMENTS ARE BROUGHT TO THE ATTENTION OF CAPITALS IN DEVELOPING WORLD IN ORDER TO INSURE THAT DELS AT GA PROPERLY INSTRUCTED IN ADVANCE OF NEGOTIATIONS HERE.

4. I CONCLUDED BY SAYING THAT OUR IDEAS, AS DEVELOPED, WILL BE DISCUSSED IN APPROPRIATE CONSULTATIVE GROUPS AND WITH LIKE-MINDED DELS IN DUE COURSE.

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